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Inmate Death at FMC Devens

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Sunday, December 27, 2020, inmate Ruben Gil tested positive for COVID-19 at the Federal Medical Center (FMC) Devens in Ayer, Massachusetts, and was immediately placed in medical isolation. On Wednesday, December 30, 2020, he was transported to a local hospital for further evaluation and treatment due to a fever and hypoxia. On Sunday, January 10, 2021, his conditioned worsened and he was placed on a ventilator. On Tuesday, January 19, 2021, Mr. Gil, who had long-term, pre-existing medical conditions, which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced deceased by hospital staff.

Mr. Gil was a 54-year-old male who was sentenced in the Western District of New York to a 144-month sentence for Engaging in a Criminal Enterprise and Money Laundering. He had been in custody at FMC Devens since October 1, 2019.

FMC Devens is an administrative security facility that currently houses 741 male offenders.

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